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To all Owners, Managers  
And Representatives of  
Ships registered in Cyprus

**Subject: CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON SOLAS CHAPTER V -  
SAFETY OF NAVIGATION**

The Maritime Authorities of Paris MOU, Tokyo MOU, Black Sea MOU, Indian Ocean MOU and the United States Coast Guard will carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) focussing on compliance with SOLAS Chapter V – Safety of Navigation. The Campaign will be conducted during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

During the CIC, port State control officers will check the related areas based on the following questions:

- Does the ship comply with the actual provisions as specified on the relevant Record of Equipment form for navigation equipment?
- Is navigational equipment operational?
- Can the master and watch keeping officers demonstrate familiarization with navigation equipment?
- Are arrangements in place to ensure performance of the equipment?
- Are there adequate and up-to-date nautical charts and publications, necessary for the voyage?
- Where Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) is the primary means in lieu of paper charts is there a suitable back-up arrangement?
- Is there a record of navigational activities and incidents?
- Is there evidence of voyage planning?
- Is there a valid certificate of compliance (annual testing) of the VDR/S-VDR on board?
- Can the master and watch- keeping officers demonstrate inputting voyage related information in the AIS?
- Is cargo on deck loaded so as not to obstruct the horizontal view of the sea surface forward of the beam?
- Can the master and watch-keeping officers concerned with the operation of the steering gear demonstrate the change over procedures and operation of steering systems?

Owners and managers are urged to take all appropriate actions to avoid unnecessary detentions of their ships.

**The present circular should be kept on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.**

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